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Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2003

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/780,807 ✓
Applicant(s) : Stefan THIEM et al.
Filed : February 9, 2001
Title : Automatic Stainer Having a Heating Station
Docket No. : 37105.0023

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2003 and is accompanied by a Fee Transmittal and a check in the amount of \$84.00 for one independent claim in excess of three.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.